

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Office for the careful consideration given to his application in the communication mailed 07/14/2006. In that communication, the Office required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1 – 2
- II. Claims 3 – 14 & 24
- III. Claims 15 – 18
- IV. Claims 19 – 23.

In reply, the Applicant provisionally elects Group II, Claims 3 – 14 & 24, with traverse. The Applicant suggests that the Office has applied 35 U.S.C. 121 incorrectly, since the present application is a national phase of a PCT application.

The correct standard should be unity of invention, as provided for in MPEP 1896 IV, 37 CFR 1.499, and 37 CFR 1.475. The Applicant notes that the ISA in the international phase found unity of invention in this application, and respectfully suggests that unity of invention still exists. On these grounds, the Applicant traverses the restriction requirement and respectfully requests reconsideration.

Respectfully submitted,
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